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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND DEVICE TO TEST THE OPERATION SAFETY OF A PROCESS POSITIONING DEVICE

Case No. P04.0153, the specification of which

(check one)	is attached hereto. was filed on, as Application Serial No and was amended on (If applicable)
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Prior Foreign Application(a)
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